

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In Re Application of: Kouji OBARA et al
Application No.: 10/717,572
Filed: 21 November 2003
For: LINEAR MOTION GUIDE UNIT WITH MEANS FOR...

Art Unit: 3682
Examiner:
Washington, D.C.
Atty.'s Docket:
Date: April 29, 2004

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THE COMMISSIONER OF PATENTS AND TRADEMARKS
Arlington, VA 22202

Sir:

Transmitted herewith is a [XX] PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT IN REPLY TO PTO NOTICE OF APRIL 1, 2004, drawing sheet, and copy of Notice in the above-identified application.

[] Small entity status of this application under 37 CFR 1.9 and 1.27 has been established by a verified statement previously submitted

[] A verified statement to establish small entity status under 37 CFR 1.9 and 1.27 is enclosed.

[XX] No additional fee is required.

The fee has been calculated as shown below:

	(Col. 1)		(Col. 2)		(Col. 3)
	CLAIMS REMAINING AFTER AMENDMENT		HIGHEST NO. PREVIOUSLY PAID FOR		PRESENT EXTRA EQUALS
TOTAL	*	MINUS	** 20		0
INDEP.	*	MINUS	*** 3		0
FIRST PRESENTATION OF MULTIPLE DEP. CLAIM					

SMALL ENTITY	
RATE	ADDITIONAL FEE
x 9	\$
x 43	\$
+ 145	\$
ADDITIONAL FEE TOTAL	

OTHER THAN SMALL ENTITY	
RATE	ADDITIONAL FEE
x 18	\$
x 86	\$
+ 290	\$
TOTAL	

- * If the entry in Col. 1 is less than the entry in Col. 2, write "0" in Col. 3.
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[XX] Conditional Petition for Extension of Time

If any extension of time for a response is required, applicant requests that this be considered a petition therefor.

[] It is hereby petitioned for an extension of time in accordance with 37 CFR 1.136(a). The appropriate fee required by 37 CFR 1.17 is calculated as shown below:

Small Entity
Response Filed Within
[] First - \$ 55.00
[] Second - \$ 210.00
[] Third - \$ 475.00
[] Fourth - \$ 740.00
Month After Time Period Set

Other Than Small Entity
Response Filed Within
[] First - \$ 110.00
[] Second - \$ 420.00
[] Third - \$ 950.00
[] Fourth - \$ 1,480.00
Month After Time Period Set

[] Less fees (\$) already paid for month(s) extension of time on .

[] Please charge my Deposit Account No. 02-4035 in the amount of \$.

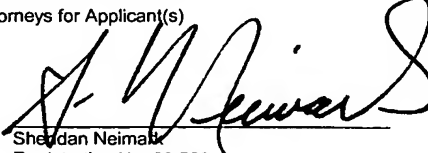
[] Credit Card Payment Form, PTO-2038, is attached, authorizing payment in the amount of \$.

[] A check in the amount of \$ is attached (check no.).

[XX] The Commissioner is hereby authorized and requested to charge any additional fees which may be required in connection with this application or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 02-4035. This authorization and request is not limited to payment of all fees associated with this communication, including any Extension of Time fee, not covered by check or specific authorization, but is also intended to include all fees for the presentation of extra claims under 37 CFR §1.16 and all patent processing fees under 37 CFR §1.17 throughout the prosecution of the case. This blanket authorization does not include patent issue fees under 37 CFR §1.18.

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PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT IN REPLY TO
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Honorable Commissioner for Patents
P.O. Box 1450
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Sir:

Prior to examination of the present application, and
replying to the Notice of Omitted Items mailed April 1, 2004,
copy attached, please amend as follows:

Amendments to the Drawing begin on page 2 of this paper, and
attached drawing sheet follows after page 5 of this paper.

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Amendments to the Drawing

Attached is a sheet of drawing containing proposed new Figures 11-13.